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Reply to Office Action of July 30, 2007

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In the Office Action, the Examiner states that Claims 1-13 are pending, Claims 1-6 are rejected and Claims 7-13 are withdrawn.

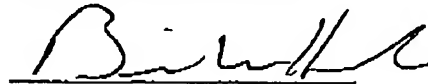
Claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as being anticipated by JP 2004-039579. However, the Applicant considers this to be an improperly cited reference.

35 U.S.C. §102(a) provides that a person shall be entitled to a patent unless the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Submitted with this response is a verified translation of the priority application, JP 2003-052204, which establishes a date of invention at least by the filing date of the priority application, which was filed on February 28, 2003. This date is prior to the publication date of the cited reference, which published on February 5, 2004.

In light of the foregoing response, all the outstanding objections and rejections are considered overcome. Applicant respectfully submits that this application should now be in condition for allowance and respectfully requests favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,



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